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SUBJECT: (C/NF) KUDOS FOR CONSULATE REPORTING ON NORTHERN
IRELAND (C-RE9-00663)

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Classified By: SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DIR., INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[1](#)1. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR POST'S REPORTING FOLLOWING THE DISSIDENT REPUBLICAN ATTACKS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND LEADING UP TO THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUMMIT AT THE WHITE HOUSE. POST'S IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF REFS PROVIDED ANALYSTS EXCELLENT INSIGHT INTO THE PERSPECTIVES OF PROVINCIAL POLITICAL FIGURES ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, SUCH AS THE DEVOLUTION OF POLICING AND JUSTICE. REFS WERE FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN FINISHED PRODUCTS ON THE ATTACKS AND IN BRIEFINGS TO SENIOR POLICYMAKERS. POST'S INSIGHTS INTO THE ASSESSMENTS OF POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (PSNI) LEADERS WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AS ANALYSTS EXAMINED THE EFFORTS OF THESE OFFICIALS TO PREVENT FUTURE ATTACKS AND UNREST.

[1](#)2. (C/NF) ANALYSTS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION POST CAN PROVIDE ON PSNI, BRITISH MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE, AND GARDA EFFORTS TO COMBAT DISSIDENT REPUBLICAN GROUPS AND PREVENT RETALIATION BY LOYALISTS. ANALYSTS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ANY FUTURE INSIGHTS INTO THE DUP'S AND SINN FEIN'S NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DEVOLUTION OF POLICING AND JUSTICE. MANY THANKS AND KUDOS.

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